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Overview Letter-Supplemental Educational Services

As part of the *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) can be an instrumental part of improving the academic achievement of eligible students. To be eligible, students must attend a Title I school that is in improvement status, and the family must meet the income eligibility guidelines. If a child is eligible, then the school district pays for the services. SES is defined as after- or before- school, summer, and/or weekend tutoring in reading, math, and language arts. These services can be provided at home, on-site, at the school, or through the internet. This section of the Montana Office of Public Instruction's Web site contains federal guidance on SES and Public School Choice, sample letters, and links to other materials which will hopefully be useful in developing a sound school program. One important note for districts and schools is that SES must be provided for schools in Year 1 of Improvement if Public School Choice is not available, and this pertains to most Montana school districts. If Public School Choice is available, then SES shall be provided when a school reaches Improvement Year 2.

Important dates:

Window for new provider applications: May 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009.*

Applications will not be accepted after this time.

Deadline for appeals: July 31, 2009 - Appeals will not be accepted after this time

***New applications for Supplemental Educational Service Providers are not being accepted at this time.**

If you have any questions about SES and Public School Choice, please contact the OPI at 406-444-5660.